

4VAC15-230-60

Game: Fox Squirrel: Open season; first Saturday in September through January 31.

Summary:

The proposal is to add Henry County to the list of counties open for hunting fox squirrels.

Proposed language of the amendment:

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It shall be lawful to hunt fox squirrel from the first Saturday in September through January 31, both dates inclusive, in the counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Dickenson, Fauquier, Floyd, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Grayson, Greene, Henry, Highland, Lee, Loudon, Madison, Montgomery, Orange, Page, Patrick, Prince William, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Warren, Wise and Wythe.

Rationale:

The counties bordering Henry County to the west (Patrick) and to the north (Franklin) have been open for fox squirrel hunting since 2009. Sightings of fox squirrels have increased in Henry County based on a three-year fox squirrel sighting survey conducted by DWR and observational information from landowners, squirrel hunters and others. Opening the season should have no adverse effect on Henry County's fox squirrel population while providing additional fox squirrel hunting opportunity.